

Dear Scouts and Parents:

We are planning four different events for Summer Camp, 2010. For these adventures, "older Scouts" are Scouts *currently* in grade 8 and up. Troop dads will provide transportation and/or leadership for each event.

- Week 1: For older Scouts, a canyoneering adventure in Zion National Park.
- Week 1: For younger Scouts, a canoe trip on the Colorado River.
- Week 1: For older Scouts, a canoe trip around Catalina Island.
- Week 2: For everybody, a week at Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island.

In order to participate in any of the three high adventure trips during Week 1, you must also attend Camp Emerald Bay during Week 2. Here are some details:

- **Zion National Park Canyoneering Adventure, Jul 30 (evening) – Aug 4. Open to Scouts now in Grades 8-12. Cost: \$120.**

We will drive to Zion National Park in Utah for four days of camping and backpacking. One experience here is the "Virgin Narrows" hike, a 2-day hike down the amazing Virgin River canyon. The stunning canyon walls of colored rock rise straight up on both sides of the river to create a spectacular setting. There are several other options we'll explore to provide the most unforgettable Zion high adventure possible. We plan to hire an outfitter for one day of climbing and canyoneering instruction.

- **Colorado River Canoe Trip. Jul 31 – Aug 4. Open to Scouts now in grades 5-7. Neither Swimming nor Canoeing Merit Badge is required to participate, but the Scout must pass the BSA swimmer test. Some canoeing practice this spring is recommended. Cost: \$120.**

We will paddle down a section of the Colorado River in Arizona, camping overnight on beaches along the river. We hope to begin our trip just below Hoover Dam and paddle through spectacular Black Canyon. This will give younger Scouts an opportunity for an extended canoeing/camping experience, during which they will learn and practice many new skills. The Colorado River in Arizona is moving water but has no rapids, so it provides a fun experience for even novice paddlers.

- **Canoe Trip around Catalina Island, Aug 5 – August 9. Open to Scouts now in Grades 8-12 who complete both Swimming Merit Badge and Canoeing Merit Badge. Cost: \$120.**

After traveling to Catalina Island, we'll spend our first two nights camped on a beach near Camp Emerald Bay. This will give us time to organize our paddling teams, practice launching and landing in the surf, and review canoeing skills. Then on August 7, we'll launch a fleet of war canoes and escort vessels in an attempt to paddle completely around Catalina Island. Since 1968, the troop has made twelve successful canoe trips around the island, and this adventure has become a special tradition for us. The Scouts who are successful earn the cherished "silver paddle" (or "gold paddle" if they paddle at least halfway). We always marvel at the beautiful emerald water, crashing surf, and interesting wildlife as we paddle around the island.

- **Camp Emerald Bay, Aug 8 – Aug 14 (Scouts on the around-the-island canoe trip will begin camp activities upon their return Aug 9). Open to all Scouts who have completed Troop 1 1/2. Cost: \$400.**

This week brings the whole troop together for our traditional camp week.

Because of its beautiful location and excellent program, Camp Emerald Bay offers an outstanding experience for our Scouts. The camp is especially notable for its aquatics programs, including sailing, ocean kayaking, snorkeling, motor boating, rowing, and windsurfing. There is an excellent BSA Lifeguard program and a special high adventure program for older Scouts. The camp also offers a wide range of merit badge classes in nature, scoutcraft, and shooting sports, as well as rank advancement opportunities, plus games, campfires, and special events. Looking back at their years in the troop, many of our graduating seniors rank it as the single best camp they attended. *Every Scout is encouraged to attend.*

Adult participation.

- Zion National Park. Open to Assistant Scoutmasters and troop dads willing to act as adult leaders. You may be asked to drive a group of Scouts to Zion.
- Colorado River Canoe Trip. Open to Assistant Scoutmasters and troop dads willing to act as adult leaders. You may be asked to drive a group of Scouts.
- Around-the-Island Canoe Trip. Open to Assistant Scoutmasters and troop dads who want to paddle around Catalina. We will paddle our own “dads’ canoe” that will try to keep up with the Scouts. (If you are not attending Camp Emerald Bay the following week, we will have to make special transportation arrangements home that are not included in the cost.)
- Camp Emerald Bay. Open to Assistant Scoutmasters. We will probably be able to include additional troop dads depending on our total numbers, so please indicate if you would like to attend. (Your deposit will be refunded if we are unable to include you.) *We need adults* this week to help make the camp experience wonderful for our Scouts.

Canoeing Merit Badge. Older Scouts often ask whether they should sign up for the around-the-island canoe trip if they have not yet earned Canoeing Merit Badge. The answer is “YES” if you are committed to earning the badge this spring. You will need to attend canoe practice nearly every Saturday morning beginning March 6. Plan on attending our April 17-18 camp, which will feature a “mini canoe regatta” and other paddling events. With sincere effort, you should be able to earn the merit badge. Younger Scouts are also welcome to attend canoe practices and work toward the merit badge.

Troop 1 1/2. Boys who have recently joined the troop, who are now in Troop 1 1/2, should be able to finish the requirements for the Scout badge this spring. The week at Camp Emerald Bay is a wonderful way to meet older Scouts, learn skills, and become a part of our great troop. I encourage all of our new Scouts to sign up now and attend.

To attend any of these trips, each Scout and adult leader will need to make a commitment by Monday, March 28. Each of these activities requires advance reservations and/or permits, for which we must know the number of participants. Please add the costs of the trips you plan to take and send a deposit for half of that amount now. The balance will be due in June.

Camp Emerald Bay will provide fun, learning, and relaxation for all Scouts. And our high adventure trips will offer unique challenges for those who participate. It’s truly the stuff that memories are made of. I hope every Scout will be able to share the adventure.

Steve Marcy

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Scout/Adult Name: _____

Please indicate which trips you are planning on:

- Zion National Park canyoneering . . . **yes** **no**
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- Catalina Island canoe trip **yes** **no** **S** **M** **L** **XL**
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Are special arrangements needed? _____ If so, please describe on the back.

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